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## APPENDIX B

# ALTERNATE PISTOL QUALIFICATION COURSE

*This appendix provides information on the alternate pistol qualification course, which can be used when the combat pistol qualification course is not available.*

### B-1. PROCEDURES

Once the soldier has completed instructional firing, he must then fire the CPQC for record. If the CPQC is not available, the soldier can fire the APQC.

a. **Normal Conditions.** Given 40 rounds of ammunition, fire Tables 1 through 4. Procedures for firing the APQC are as follows:

(1) **Table 1.** Engage the 25-meter APQC target from the standing position with 7 rounds of ammunition; given one 7-round magazine on a 25-meter range during daylight hours. Within 21 seconds, engage the APQC target from the standing position.

(2) **Table 2.** Engage the 25-meter APQC target from the kneeling position with 13 rounds; given two magazines, one 6-round and one 7-round, on a 25-meter range during hours of daylight. Within 45 seconds, starting from a standing position, assume a good kneeling position, engage the target with 6 rounds, perform a rapid magazine change, and engage the target with a 7-round magazine.

(3) **Table 3.** Engage the 25-meter APQC target from the crouch position with 10 rounds; given two magazines with 5 rounds each on a 25-meter range during daylight hours. Within 35 seconds, starting from a standing position, assume a good crouch position, engage the target with one 5-round magazine, perform a rapid magazine change, and engage the target with the second 5-round magazine.

(4) **Table 4.** Engage the 25-meter APQC target from the prone position with 10 rounds; given two magazines with 5 rounds each on a 25-meter range during daylight hours. Within 35 seconds, starting from a standing position, assume a good prone position, engage the target with one 5-round magazine, perform a rapid magazine change, and engage the target with the second 5-round magazine.

b. **Night Conditions.** Engage the 25-meter target from the crouch position with 30 rounds; given two 15-round magazines of 9-mm ammunition on a 25-meter range under night conditions. Given 10 seconds for each round, engage E-type silhouettes with 10 rounds. Conduct magazine changes without command. Tower will allow 8 seconds for each magazine change.

c. **NBC Conditions.** Engage a 25-meter target from a crouch position with 20 rounds; given one 15-round magazine and one 5-round magazine, or two 7-round magazines and one 6-round magazine, on a 25-meter range under simulated NBC conditions. During daylight hours, given 10 seconds for each round, engage E-type silhouettes with 20 rounds of ammunition. Conduct magazine changes without command. Tower will allow 10 seconds for each magazine change.

**NOTE:** When using the 9-mm pistol, the first round is fired in the double-action mode for all four tables. Night and NBC qualification is required IAW DA Pam 350-38.

## **B-2. CONDUCT OF FIRE**

The following commands outline a step-by-step sequence for conducting range firing on the APQC.

### **a. Table 1: Standing Position.**

(1) The tower operator gives the order to move to the firing line and to prepare to fire. The magazine containing seven rounds is issued to the scorer and given to the firer on command. The tower operator commands:

TABLE ONE, STANDING POSITION, SEVEN ROUNDS.

LOAD AND LOCK.

IS THE LINE READY?

(The 9-mm firers place their weapons in the double-action mode at this time.)

THE FIRING LINE IS READY.

FIRERS, WATCH YOUR LANE!

(2) At the end of prescribed firing time, the tower operator commands:

CEASE FIRE.

ARE THERE ANY ALIBIS?

(Alibis are given eight seconds for each round not fired.)

**NOTE:** For more information on alibis, see paragraph B-3.

UNLOAD AND CLEAR ALL WEAPONS.

IS THE FIRING LINE CLEAR?

THE FIRING LINE IS NOW CLEAR.

FIRERS AND SCORERS MOVE DOWNRANGE AND CHECK YOUR TARGETS.

(Weapons are left on firing line with slides locked to the rear.)

**NOTE:** Clear, lock open, and leave weapons on the table or stand them at the firing line when the firers and scorers go downrange to score their targets.

**b. Table 2: Kneeling position.** The tower operator orders firers to move up to the firing line. Two magazines containing six rounds and seven rounds each are issued to the scorer to be given to the firer on command. The tower operator commands.

TABLE TWO, KNEELING POSITION WITH MAGAZINE CHANGE, FORTY-FIVE SECONDS.

LOCK AND LOAD ONE SIX-ROUND MAGAZINE.

LOAD YOUR SEVEN-ROUND MAGAZINE WITHOUT COMMAND.

**NOTE:** The following commands are the same as for Table 1.

**c. Table 3: Crouch position.** The tower operator orders firers to move up to the firing line. Scorers are issued two 5-round magazines to be issued to the firer on command. The tower operator commands:

TABLE THREE, CROUCH POSITION WITH MAGAZINE CHANGE, THIRTY-FIVE SECONDS.

LOAD YOUR SECOND FIVE-ROUND MAGAZINE WITHOUT COMMAND.

**NOTE:** The following commands are the same as for Tables 1 and 2.

d. **Table 4: Prone Position.** The tower operator orders firers to move to the firing line. Firers are issued two 5-round magazines. The tower operator orders:

TABLE FOUR, PRONE POSITION WITH MAGAZINE CHANGE, THIRTY-FIVE SECONDS.

LOAD YOUR SECOND FIVE-ROUND MAGAZINE WITHOUT COMMAND.

**NOTE:** The following commands are the same as for Tables 1, 2, and 3.

e. **After Table 4.** The scorer and firer repair or replace targets for the next firing order.

f. **Night and NBC Firing.** The commands for night and NBC fire for record are as follows:

(1) **Night.** The tower operator orders firers to move to the firing line and to prepare to fire. Two 15-round magazines are issued to firers. The tower operator commands:

NIGHT FIRE, CROUCH POSITION WITH MAGAZINE CHANGES.

LOAD OTHER MAGAZINES WITHOUT COMMAND.

LOAD AND LOCK ONE MAGAZINE.

IS THE FIRING LINE READY?

FIRERS, WATCH YOUR LANE.

At the end of the prescribed firing time, the tower operator commands:

CEASE FIRE.

ARE THERE ANY ALIBIS?

(Alibis are given 10 seconds for each round not fired.)

UNLOAD AND CLEAR ALL WEAPONS.

IS THE FIRING LINE CLEAR?

THE FIRING LINE IS NOW CLEAR.

FIRERS AND SCORERS, MOVE DOWNRANGE AND CHECK YOUR TARGETS.

(Weapons are left on the firing line with slides locked to the rear.)

(2) **NBC.** The tower operator orders firers to move to the firing line and to prepare to fire. Firer is given one 15-round magazine and one 5-round magazine. The tower operator commands:

NBC FIRE, CROUCH POSITION WITH MAGAZINE CHANGE.

LOAD OTHER MAGAZINES WITHOUT COMMAND.

LOAD AND LOCK ONE MAGAZINE.

IS THE FIRING LINE READY?

FIRERS, WATCH YOUR LANE.

At the end of the prescribed firing time, the tower operator commands:

CEASE FIRE.

ARE THERE ANY ALIBIS?

(Alibis are given 8 seconds for each round not fired.)

UNLOAD AND CLEAR ALL WEAPONS.  
IS THE FIRING LINE CLEAR?  
THE FIRING LINE IS NOW CLEAR.  
FIRERS AND SCORERS, MOVE DOWNRANGE AND CHECK  
YOUR TARGETS.

(Weapons are left on the firing line with slides locked to the rear.)

**NOTE:** Excess ammunition at the end of a firing table is turned in to the scorer and not used by the firer in subsequent tables. At the end of the course, all excess ammunition is turned in to the ammunition point.

### **B-3. ALIBIS**

If there is a malfunction of the weapon or target during firing, the scorer reports and records the malfunction. The firer is allowed one alibi (eight seconds for each round) at the completion of each table. All alibis are fired from the position in which the alibis occur. Firing commands that apply are used to fire alibis.

### **B-4. SCORING**

The firer is scored on the number of target hits during the time limit. The firer must achieve at least 24 hits with a minimum score of 80 points to qualify. The target hits are multiplied by the number inside the scoring rings to determine the score. No credit is given for rounds fired after the command CEASE FIRE. Shots that touch the next higher scoring ring are scored the next higher value (Figure B-1). The qualification scores are:

Expert: 160 to 200.

Sharpshooter: 120 to 159.

Marksman: 80 to 119.

NBC and night firing are done on a GO/NO-GO scoring system and recorded in the remarks column.

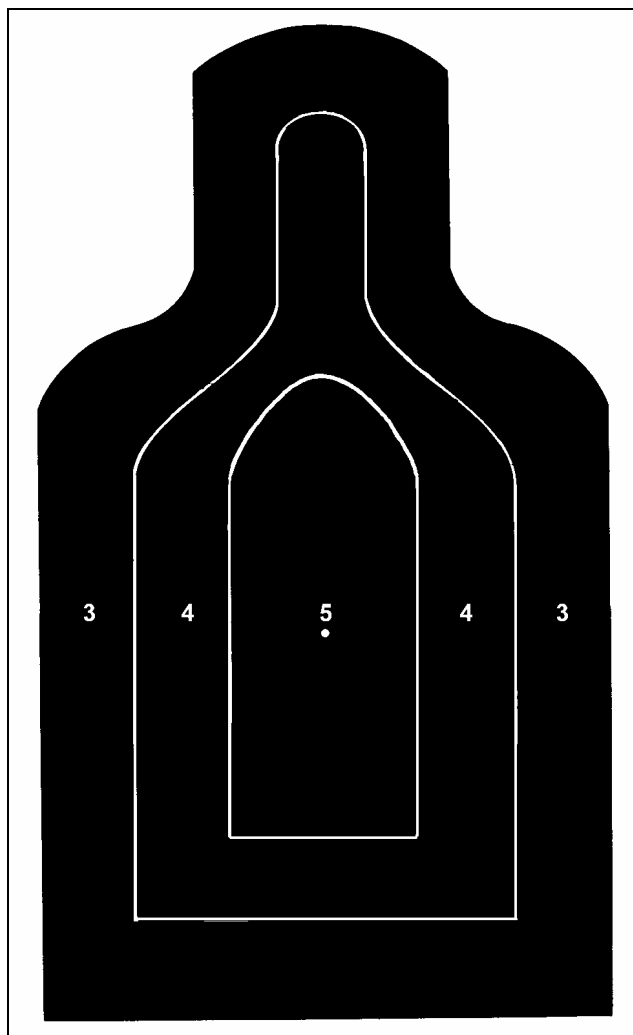
NBC: 7 target hits = GO.

Night: 5 target hits = GO.

**NOTE:** See the format for the scorecard in Figure B-2.

### **B-5. COACHING**

Coaching is allowed during instructional firing but not during record fire. No one may assist while or after the firer takes position at the firing point, except for safety reasons.



**Figure B-1. 25-meter E-type silhouette with rings (NSN 6920-01-276-6604).**

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<b>DATA REQUIRED BY PRIVACY ACT OF 1974</b> AUTHORITY: 10USC30129g/Executive Order 9397. PRINCIPAL PURPOSES: Records individual's performance on Record Fire Range. ROUTINE USES: Evaluation of individual's proficiency and basis for determination of award of proficiency badge. SSN is used for positive identification purposes only. MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AND EFFECT ON INDIVIDUAL NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Voluntary. Individuals not providing information cannot be rated/scored on a mass basis.			
NAME (Last, First, MI) <b>PEVOSKI, RICHARD R.</b>			DATE <b>5 MAY 03</b>
LANE NO. <b>3</b>	ORDER <b>1</b>	UNIT <b>Cco 2/29th</b>	SSN <b>333-33-3333</b>
<b>TABLE 1 - STANDING POSITION: 1 Magazine - 7 Rounds - 21 Seconds</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           HITS <b>X X X X X X X</b>            SCORE <b>5 5 4 4 5 4 5</b> </div> <div>           HITS <b>7</b>            SCORE <b>32</b> </div> </div>			
<b>TABLE 2 - KNEELING POSITION: First Magazine - 6 Rounds - 45 Seconds</b> <b>Second Magazine - 7 Rounds</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           HITS <b>X X X X X X X X X X X M</b>            SCORE <b>5 5 5 5 5 5 5 4 5 4 5 5 0</b> </div> <div>           HITS <b>12</b>            SCORE <b>58</b> </div> </div>			
<b>TABLE 3 - CROUCH POSITION: 2 Magazines - 5 Rounds Each - 35 Seconds</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           HITS <b>X X X X X X X X X X</b>            SCORE <b>5 5 5 5 5 5 4 5 5 5</b> </div> <div>           HITS <b>10</b>            SCORE <b>49</b> </div> </div>			
<b>TABLE 4 - PRONE POSITION: 2 Magazines - 5 Rounds - 35 Seconds</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           HITS <b>X X X X X X X X X X</b>            SCORE <b>5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3</b> </div> <div>           HITS <b>10</b>            SCORE <b>48</b> </div> </div>			
TOTAL HITS			<b>39</b>
TOTAL SCORE			<b>187</b>
<b>QUALIFICATION:</b> EXPERT 160 TO 200 SHARPSHOOTER 120 TO 159 MARKSMAN 80 TO 119 NIGHT FIRE GO (5 HITS) NO-GO NBC FIRE GO (7 HITS) NO-GO			
<i>Steven C. Miller</i> Scorer's Signature		<b>5 May 03</b> Date	<i>Robert R. Reeves</i> Officer's Signature
		<b>5 May 03</b> Date	
REMARKS:			
NOTES: 1. Hits are marked with an "X" and misses are marked with an "M." 2. The firer must achieve a minimum of 24 hits and a minimum score of 80 to qualify.			

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**Figure B-2. Example of a completed  
alternate pistol qualification course form.**

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